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Gary Garvin
Staff Writer

"I lost my tent – I was camping when it happened." Greg Dashner said on Monday, July 18 after a series of severe thunderstorms moved through northern Wisconsin resulting in more than \$30 million in damages, according to the Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center.

Governor Walker declared a State of Emergency for Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer and Washburn counties on Tuesday, July 12, due to flash flooding, power outages and heavy damage to the area's roads and bridges.

Dashner, a resident of the Bad River Indian Reservation, located in Ashland and Iron counties, has received a great amount of help from the surrounding area communities and various neighboring tribal communities.

"After the flood, we (the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians), have been getting a lot of help here from everybody around the community – from brothers like (the Ho-Chunk Nation, Potawatomi and Lac Du Flambeau),

they have been coming up quickly for us."

"This is the worst flooding that they've seen in over 50 years from what I understand," said legislator Henning Garvin. Both Legislators Garvin and Greg Blackdeer headed the relief operations that traveled north Monday morning.

"The nation put out a call to Bad River saying 'We are standing by. What do you need as far as assistance? What can we do to help?'" Garvin said. "We also heard, speaking with a lot of different people up there, that the wells are potentially contaminated because of the flooding. So if they want to have any kind of drinking water, they have to boil it until the flood waters can recede and they can start testing all of the wells again to make sure the water is safe. They just don't know so they said they really need drinking water."

With the help of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Maintenance Departments, Garvin and Blackdeer were able to assemble a fleet of trucks and trailers loaded with various supplies donated by local businesses.

"We tried to put together a few pallets (of water) and we are going to pick some more up, up north, and make sure that gets to them. One of the other things that is in need is cleaning supplies, so hopefully we'll have some



Bad River Indian Reservation residence wait patiently to help transport cases of water into the community building.

bottles of bleach that we can bring up and drop off and get that to them as well." Garvin said.

The Ho-Chunk Housing Department donated bleach, paper towels, fans and other cleaning supplies to the relief effort and Whitetail Crossing, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls and Badger Max donated soap, shampoo, conditioner and pallets of water.

The fleet of trucks and supplies travelled north to Wausau and then to St. Germain to pick up more donations. In Wausau, Garvin and Blackdeer met Lanette Walker and other Wittenberg tribal members who collect-

ed donations of water from the Wittenberg TAU, convenience store, youth services, health department and social services.

In St. Germain, Blackdeer was able to contact the Lakeland ATV and St. Germain ATV Clubs who then organized a donation effort with Prime Time, a social security club, and Sentry Foods, a family-owned grocery store. The groups donated a total of four pallets of water, just shy of 1,100 gallons of water.

"I find it tremendous, they're willing to help people that they don't even know, have never met," Blackdeer said. "It makes my heart soar like an eagle."

With a great deal of water and supplies, the relief effort proceeded to the Bad River Indian Reservation in Ashland County. Before reaching the Bad River Indian Reservation, Garvin and Blackdeer were welcomed by the Iron County and Hurley Police Departments which were appreciative of the donations of water they received.

At the Bad River Indian Reservation Garvin and Blackdeer were greeted by Lake Superior Chippewa Indians tribal members that

were volunteering at a community building. The volunteers used the building to organize the various items that were being donated and to serve meals to the community.

"We have been receiving water, just about everything, food; clothing as you seen. Just about everything that we kind of need. A lot of cleaning supplies," volunteer Greg Dashner stated, "which is good."

More than 1,100 gallons of water, numerous cleaning supplies and personal commodities were unloaded into the community building.

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Henning Garvin and Calvin Decorah pass cases of water to an Iron County Sheriff's Officer.

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HighGround event honors Persian Gulf military

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The Highground Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville was host to Operation Persian Gulf Welcome Home from July 19 to July 25.

The event honors the men and women who have served and those who are currently serving. Together the friends and families of those who have fallen – on a foreign soil or after returning home – gathered in a week of remembrance.

Throughout the Highground Plaza were various informational tents and booths concerning PTSD therapy

programs, employment and education assistance, veterans’ organizations and other issues of interest to veterans and their families.

“Our organization is called ‘Being There-Reaching Out’, otherwise known as BTRO. We are a support group for the families in Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois who have lost someone in combat or after they came home and didn’t survive the war at home,” president and founder Judith Singer said.

“We gather families together three to four times a year so they can all meet each other and make new friends.” With-



“There is 377 boots and each one represents someone we’ve lost,” Judith Singer explains.



Bernard is a World War II Veteran and has been a “Porch Greeter” at The Highgrounds Veteran Memorial Park for 26 years. Delores has been married to Bernard for 65 years, they share the same birthday.

out a support group, the loss of a loved one can be difficult to deal with. “And they are all with the people who know exactly what they are going through. They hang out, become friends and heal, and get a new normal.” Singer said.

“It’s really great when we get them together and they see each other and they hug. It’s like – wow we are doing something right here.”

Being There-Reaching Out

also hosts a “Walk for the Fallen” each year throughout different cities in Wisconsin. This year 70 families participated in the ninth annual walk. For more information about the organization please visit beingtherereachingout.org or contact Judith Singer at (414) 988-6225 or at gentlyjs@yahoo.com.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has an estimated 75 veterans that have served in: Afghanistan

(19), Desert Storm (1), Desert Shield (19), Gulf War (5), Iraq (2), Iraqi Freedom (1), Operation Iraqi Freedom (3) and the Persian Gulf (25). For veteran help and information please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Service Officer Margaret “Muggs” Garvin at (715) 284-4563 or at Margaret.garvin@ho-chunk.com.

Census last-ditch effort begins with field workers knocking on doors

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Census Project has moved into its final stages of completion. They’re on the last leg of census information gathering and they’re giving one final, concentrated push.

In that last-ditch effort, census field workers are knocking on doors and asking residents questions needed for the census.

“This last push of the Census project will continue until August 5, then we will wait for the data to be compiled and sent back to us,” said Angie McDonald of the Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Department. Big Water Consulting of Seattle is conducting the Census operation and will compile the results.

On July 11, nine Ho-Chunk enrolled members met at the HCG-BRF hotel conference room to undergo training. Field staff will visit and administer the census forms to the remaining 1,300 Ho-Chunk Nation members at their residences.

When the Census field workers can’t make contact in

person, going to the individual homes, a door hanger is left on the door knob, requesting the occupants to call the census office and arrange a time to answer the questions.

Since the door-to-door effort began, the poll workers have made 232 contacts. They still have about 1,200 surveys that need to be completed.

The Ho-Chunk Census began on December 7 when the online version became active, counting people and all their associated household aspects. Ho-Chunk members received information in the mail on how to complete the census survey.

The next step came in March, when paper surveys were sent to households.

Then, on July 11, the door-to-door field operations began.

The census includes questions about annual household income, monthly rental/mortgage and utility payments, the number of people and families in the housing unit, presence of anyone in the household with a disability that requires caregiving or adaptive equipment, employment and educa-

tion, childcare, use of community services, transportation needs, and priorities for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The census is important so that the Ho-Chunk Nation has accurate data on the Ho-Chunk population. That data is used for various programs and when applying for grants.

Also, the data will help with planning Ho-Chunk services and legislator redistricting. Each of the Ho-Chunk government department had input into the census survey.

If anyone wants to complete the survey who hasn’t yet, Angie McDonald can be reached at (715) 284-3939.



A crew of Census field workers are ready to come to Ho-Chunk members to complete the necessary forms. The deadline for all information is August 5.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Aug. 5th which will be published on Aug. 12th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Placement homes provide emotional, physical support for displaced Ho-Chunk children

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Karen Loewenhagen of Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services is living her dream job.

She's worked in several counties and Lutheran Social Services all her adult life, helping people. And now she wants people to know of the program that will help Ho-Chunk children live in a safe and loving environment until they are able to return to their families. Karen is the Placement Parent Program Coordinator, certified and ready to work with the children and placement homes.

"I recruit, train and maintain placement homes," Lowenhagen said. "The Nation wants children in Ho-Chunk homes," she said. "When not, it's hard to maintain cultural values and ties."

The Ho-Chunk Nation Children's Code provides a placement preference for Ho-Chunk children who are not able to remain in their parents or caregiver's home due to safety concerns. The placement preference is to place the child in a paternal relative's home, followed by a maternal relative's home and then a Ho-Chunk home. When relatives who are willing to accept placement cannot be located, children are placed in a Ho-Chunk

certified home that will care for and provide for the child's physical and emotional needs.

She encourages people to become certified as placement homes. If someone is uncertain, Loewenhagen encourages that person or couple to try the experience as a respite home. In respite, children stay in the home as a temporary, short-term basis to allow the placement parents some rest, giving both the child and the placement parent time apart.

Any pertinent information on the child, such as medical needs, likes and dislikes, and behaviors, is made available to the placement parents before the child arrives, making it possible for them to accept placement of any child that would come into their home.

Some people have requests for certain age ranges and genders, depending on the placement home's family makeup and skill. For example, a person who leads a very active lifestyle outside of the home may not be best matched with a child who has significant medical needs.

Karen stated that ideally, she wants to have a number of homes in all areas served in the Ho-Chunk Nation ready for placement, in case there is an immediate need for placement.

"You can never predict when there will be a need for a placement home. The Nation needs to be prepared and have homes ready go," she said. "We must maintain readiness to accommodate and be ready to go," she said. "So I provide the training, check out the house and certify them long before the need arises."

Medical assistance and child care is available for the children, along with a stipend paid to the placement parents to provide for the care of the child.

In addition, Loewenhagen also works with county human services agencies and their foster care coordinators, so that if they do have a Ho-Chunk child who needs placement and is under county court jurisdiction, the referral can be transferred over to Loewenhagen.

The main emphasis right now is that more homes are needed for the program.

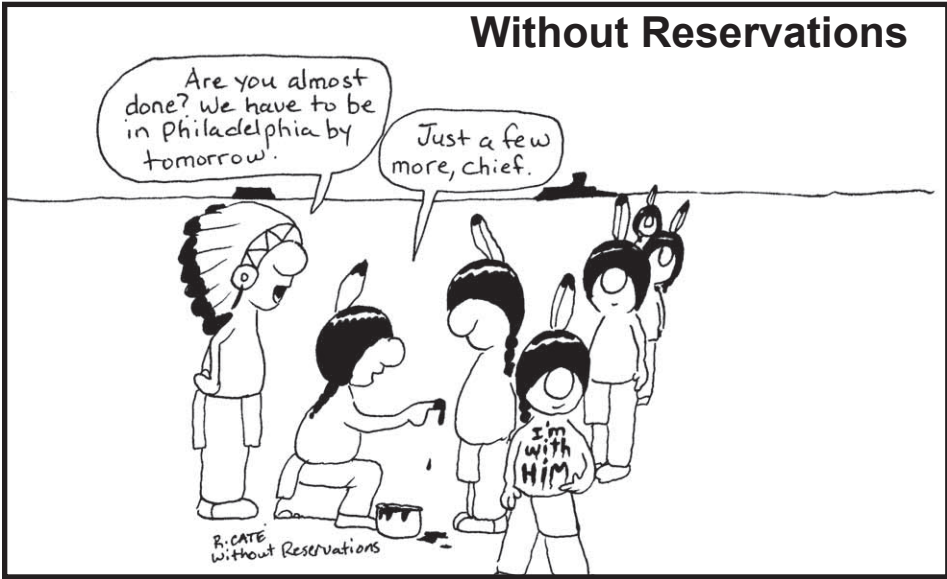


Karen Loewenhagen is hoping to gain more placement homes for Ho-Chunk youth. Her goal is to gain 20 placement homes this year and she presently has 11.

and loss counseling, child abuse signs and how to address negative behaviors and how to curb it, and how to care for children with special needs.

Loewenhagen stresses that each child is very much an individual and each placement family has their own skills that they bring as a placement home. Providing training and support to the certified placement parents is key to keeping both the child safe and the family as a placement home. Once the home is certified to accept children, the home is approved for two years, after which it has to be recertified.

If you are interested in becoming a placement home for the Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services and provide care to a Ho-Chunk child, please contact Intake at: (715)-284-7749 (direct intake line) or (715)-284-2622 and ask for intake.



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Oeser brings vast amount of experience to Department of Justice

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice welcomed Michael D. Oeser July 18. He may not consider himself a “renaissance man,” but the variety of his experiences—law, journalism, skiing, scuba diving, martial arts, and music—has made his life very interesting.

“I like to learn new things as often as possible,” he said. Oeser studied journalism at the University of Houston and worked as a newspaper reporter for several years after graduating. He received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin. He is Cherokee. His mother’s family lives in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Oeser will serve as senior tribal council. Most of his work will be with the Business Department, but this isn’t

the first time he has worked for the Nation. He spent a year as staff attorney for the Ho-Chunk Courts immediately after law school.

After working for the Nation’s courts, Oeser spent eight years in private practice doing litigation and business law. During that time, he has argued before the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the federal appeals court for the Seventh Circuit.

Oeser left private practice in 2007 to teach law. He mostly taught legal writing, contract drafting, advocacy, and rhetoric, but also taught contract law and business formation.

He’s been married for three years to Shanna DeBey. They have a son named Sam, born in June, which is what prompted him to go back into law practice.

“This is a good job,” he said. “I

wanted to work here. I wanted to work for a tribe.”

“I want to travel,” he said, “but I feel that this place is home. I have good friends here and this is meaningful work.”

Although his extensive resume in law seems like a lot, he has a lot more in his background.

He taught skiing at Cascade Mountain during law school, competed in martial arts in the early 1990s, attended a performing arts high school for music where he played trombone, and is presently a rescue certified scuba diver. He’s looking forward to fishing once he and his family settle into their home in Tomah.



Michael Oeser is new to the Ho-Chunk Department of Justice and will serve as senior tribal council, with most of his work with the Business Department.

Federal indictments returned against nine former Winnebago Tribal Council members

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Jim Lee, Sioux City Journal

A federal grand jury has returned an 11-count indictment against nine former members of the Winnebago Tribal Council for alleged corruption and theft of tribal funds.

Former tribal chairman John Blackhawk, 61, and former tribal Council members Darwin Snyder, 49, Thomas Snowball, Jr., 55, Louis Houghton, 69, Lawrence Payer, 70, Travis Mallory, 38, Charles Aldrich, 48, Morgan Earth, 70, and Ramona Wolfe, 76, were each charged with conspiracy, theft and misapplication of funds belonging to an Indian gaming establishment, and wire fraud.

As a result of the defendants’ actions, the loss to the tribe’s WinnaVegas Casino Resort totaled \$327,500, according to a news release Wednesday from Deborah Gilg, U.S. Attorney for Nebraska.

An arraignment date for each of the defendants in U.S. District Court is anticipated to be in early August, according to the news release.

The case, which was investigated by the FBI, stemmed from a tribal investigative report early last year that showed the nine council members had given themselves large raises and bonuses.

“These individuals used their elected official positions to enrich themselves and in the process betrayed the trust of their peers and those they were elected to serve,” FBI supervisory agent in charge Randy Thyse said in a statement. “The FBI Omaha division will remain steadfast in aggressively investigating those responsible for perpetrating schemes like this and will continue to pursue all allegations of public corruption.”

According to the indictment, each defendant received a salary in excess of \$80,000

in 2013, and a salary in excess of \$87,000 in 2014. The tribal council had raised their salaries by approximately 35 percent in February 2013, retroactive to Oct. 1, 2012. Because of the retroactive nature of the increase, on Feb. 22, 2013, lump sum distributions were given to the defendants in the following amounts: general members of the tribal council \$8,288.56; vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer \$9,945.74 each; and chairman \$11,602.92.

Additionally, each of the defendants received five separate bonuses totaling \$5,955.62 in 2013, and six separate bonuses totaling \$11,019.23 in 2014. The defendants also received additional paychecks for unused



Former Winnebago Tribal Chairman John Blackhawk is shown in May 2012. Blackhawk resigned Tuesday in the wake of an audit that showed he was among tribal council members who got big bonuses and tribal casino gifts.

vacation time.

Aldrich, Blackhawk, Houghton, Payer, and Snyder also received longevity pay for continuous employment ranging from \$3,200 to \$5,000 per person per year, according to the indictment.

Despite the fact that the defendants had received such large salary and bonus pay-

ments, the indictment alleges the defendants “devised, executed, and aided and abetted” the execution of a plan to receive additional funds directly from WinnaVegas without accounting for same through the payroll department of the tribe and without approving the distribution of such funds at a regular Tribal Council meeting. The indictment further alleges these distributions were contrary to policies of the tribe and casino and that the disbursements were not approved by the Winnebago Gaming Commission, which oversees WinnaVegas, located on tribal land west of Sloan, Iowa.

“This has been a devastating event to our community, our focus has been on improving communications and transparency within our government, as well as implementing internal policies to ensure that questionable activity does not occur again. Our membership expects and deserves nothing less,” Winnebago Tribe Chairwoman Darla LaPointe said in a statement shortly after the indictments were announced.

Distributions to the defendants were in the form of gift certificates issued by the casino and multiple loads to pre-paid debit cards paid for by the casino, according to the indictment. No monies were paid for the issuance of the gift certificates, but the defendants were able to cash them at the casino or otherwise redeem them for merchandise. Gift certificates issued to the defendants in 2013 and 2014 totaled \$87,000. The total amount loaded to the debit cards of the defendants in 2013 and 2014 was \$240,500. These distributions were recorded on the books of the casino as miscellaneous administrative expenses, according to the indictment.

After the bonuses and gifts became known to members of the tribe, the defendants attempted to justify the distri-



A federal grand jury has indicted nine former Winnebago Tribal Council members on charges of corruption and theft of tribal funds. As a result of the defendants’ actions, the loss to the tribe’s WinnaVegas Casino Resort, shown above in March 2015, totaled \$327,500, according to the federal indictments.

bution by claiming the funds paid were additional salary or stipends to compensate Tribal Council members for additional oversight duties they were allegedly required to perform regarding the operation of the casino in 2014. The indictment, however, alleges:

-- Oversight of the casino was already a part of the duties of all the Tribal Council members for which they received a salary from the tribe

-- Not all defendants performed additional duties relating to the business of the casino

-- Stipends paid to Tribal Council members for work performed relating to sitting on boards of directors of other economic entities of the tribe were considerably lower and were typically just \$200 per meeting

-- Tribal Council members were not licensed vendors authorized to receive payments directly from the casino

-- Winnebago Gaming Commission had not approved such disbursements to the defendants

-- Disbursement of such funds was contrary to the bylaws of the tribe because

the description of the alleged work to be performed, the justification for same and the amount of compensation therefore were not approved by the tribal Council at any regular meeting nor was the disbursement of said funds over and above the tribal budget for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 approved at any regular meeting of the Tribal Council.

In the wake of last year’s tribal investigative report, the nine former Tribal Council members resigned or were ousted from office by newly elected council members. A group of tribal residents called on federal law enforcement authorities to indict the former members for theft and corruption.

A conspiracy conviction is punishable by up to five years of imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine. A conviction for theft or misapplication of funds belonging to an Indian gaming establishment is punishable by up to 10 years of imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine. A wire fraud conviction is punishable by up to 20 years of imprisonment and/or a fine of \$250,000.

Basic skills and life lessons taught at youth football camp

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Earlier this month, Native-American football players age 10 to 17 convened at UW-Green Bay to attend the 1st Natives Football Camp. The attendees represented four different Wisconsin tribes – including the Oneida Nation, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Tribe, and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Other, non-native youth were also in attendance. At the camp, which took place from July 14 to July 16, the players worked on some basic fundamentals of the game. These skills were taught by some of football’s best, such as former Green Bay Packers running back Ahman Green.

“They approached me back in December about doing a camp,” Green recalls. “So we decided to do it here in Green Bay.”

To help him coach the kids, Green recruited a couple of his former teammates with the Packers. Former Green Bay Offensive Quality Control Coach Ty Knott worked with the quarterbacks on offense, and the linebackers on defense. Former offensive tackle Kevin Barry worked with the lineman on both sides of the ball. According to Green, Barry proved to be a good fit for the job. For he already has experience coaching youth football.

“I help out at Pulaski High School,” Barry divulged. “I’m an offensive line coach. And I’ve done a lot more

camps at the high school.”

Other coaches included former wide receiver Scott Burnoski and Alabama-native Bryant Grove, last year’s linebacker coach for Indoor Football League’s Green Bay Blizzard. A cop in his previous life, Grove boasts an impressive resume working with youth members of the community. For years, he has witnessed firsthand the positive impact that extracurricular activities have on adolescents. Grove realizes that sports can play a huge role in a young person’s life. For this reason, he hopes to keep kids interested in the sport of football.

“That is what’s important to me,” Grove states. “I mean, football is like life. [The kids] can look back at this experience and use it as a resource.”

Representatives from the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Department of Social Services agree. Such is the reason they coordinated with the Ahman Green Foundation and D1 Sports Training in Green Bay to set up the three-day event. The person leading the collaborative effort on Ho-Chunk’s end was Tena Quackenbush, the program manager for Family Services in Black River Falls. She met Green at a social gathering, and took advantage of the opportunity to propose an event that would benefit tribal children. Luckily, Green hopped on board with idea right away.

“They’ve had a great opportunity here,” Quackenbush says. “Ahman and his coaches are men of great character.



Green speaks to the players as they take a knee.

They’re amazing coaches, and very professional.”

Also helping with coordination of the event was Jean Day, the division director of Community Supportive Services in Black River Falls. With a dad who loved sports, Day is familiar with the sporting world and those involved in it. She believes that opportunities like the football camp can make a big difference in children’s lives. Day finds herself pleased with how the weekend turned out. She considers the three-day-long event a tremendous success.

“I can tell it on the youth’s faces,” Day observed. “It was good.”

The camp consisted of four

scheduled practices – one on Thursday afternoon, two on Friday, and a final practice on Saturday morning. After Thursday’s practice, the players ate dinner and met with their coaches for some presentations. On Friday night, after a grueling two-a-day practice, they played flag-football to give their minds and bodies a rest from all the exertion. Saturday provided enough time for everybody to say goodbye and clean out their dorm rooms, where they stayed over the weekend. Living in the dorms offered the kids a taste of a college life.

“We have it at a university so that the kids can get an idea of what university life is like,” Day admits. “Maybe next year, we’ll do a little bit longer.”

Having learned a great deal from this year’s training camp, everyone involved looks forward to what next

year’s event will have to offer. Some believe that this camp was just a little too short to accomplish everything. So discussions about the next event involve potentially adding a day to the schedule, which would allow for more instruction time. However, all of the coordinators find themselves satisfied with this year’s results. In fact, pretty much everybody plans to return for 2017.

“We’re already planning out next year as we speak,” Green reveals. “We’re already gearing up for it.”

Staffed with highly-dedicated individuals, the football camp proved itself to be quite successful. According to Green, the event produced a good turnout. And the amount of participation was really impressive, he says. Yet next year’s camp promises to be even better. Needless to say, anticipation is high.



The entire coaching staff poses for a photo op.



Coach Scott Burnoski draws up a play for one of the receivers.



Coach Ty Knott works with the quarterbacks on their technique.



The participants of the 1st Natives Football Camp convene on the last day.

Funmaker reaches new heights with Ph.D. degree

Kaili Berg
Youth Writer

On Tuesday, July 26, the Higher Education Division hosted a celebration in the TOB (Tribal Office Building) for Cheryl Funmaker for completing her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Special Education from the University of Wisconsin in December of 2015.

Cheryl Funmaker was the first person in the history of the Josephine P. White Eagle Fellowship to complete a Ph.D.

“In the entire history of the program, we have had a lot of graduates, many people who have finished their bachelor’s

degrees, a few people who graduated with their M.D.s, and graduated several lawyers, but up until Cheryl we have not had a Ph.D. candidate successfully complete the program,” said the Higher Education Division Manager, Marcus Lewis. “Doctorate studies are extremely difficult and she did it while she was a wife and mother, but her commitment saw her through and with her research she did at the special education field, she was interested in challenges that face Indian country.”

Since graduation, Funmaker returned to serve her people as the disabilities director for

the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department.

“Keeping with her concern in natives in general and our community, she graduated in December and has returned to work for the Ho-Chunk Nation as our disabilities director,” Lewis said. “I can say she has done a fantastic job, she just trained our higher education team and provided us some wonderful incite that I think we will be able to use to help better serve our students in our communities and across the United States.”

“I think my degree will benefit the Ho-Chunk Nation, it will benefit our families. I



Cheryl Funmaker is recognized for her academic achievement by Nehomah Thundercloud.

learned a lot about the field and I want to put it to use to benefit our families and children,” Funmaker said. “My advice to people trying to pursue a degree is have a good support system, which we have with our families and kinship, maintain those as you go through school and work hard.”

A new apprentice is born

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Staff Writer

On July 15, Ho-Chunk tribal member Jasmine Funmaker and relatives gathered to celebrate her graduation from the Local 633 Cement Union training class in Minnesota. After three months of hard work, Jasmine and her classmates were recognized by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for passing the rigorous training needed to become an apprentice concrete finisher. They were awarded a commemorative plaque in honor of completing the difficult course, which taught them all the skills required to be a worker in the cement industry. The popular class maintains a reputation throughout the region for being very demanding of its students. This reputation draws many people to the course who wish to advance their knowledge of cement work.

“Concrete is the most versatile building product in the world,” Instructor Dave Schutta states. “It’s been used for thousands of years, in one way or another.”

For these reasons, acquiring knowledge about concrete and its subtle peculiarities proves important to be successful in the industry. As a third-generation construction worker, Funmaker realizes that importance more than most. Her father is an iron worker in Madison, WI. And her grandfather was a junior iron worker, who also finished concrete. Jasmine’s following

of the family legacy makes her father proud.

“She’s going to be third-generation in the trades,” Brent Funmaker proudly voices. “I’m happy. I get my third generation. And I know my dad would be happy, too.”

But for Jasmine, the training course was about more than just legacy. The new apprentice highly values the skills she has acquired during her time in class. She now appreciates how much is involved in finishing concrete, and the patience it demands. She looks forward to making her mark in the world of concrete. With an immediate job offer, Jasmine will get that opportunity right away.

“I got a job,” Funmaker exclaims. “I actually found out, three or four weeks ago, that I had a contractor looking at me here in the Twin Cities. And he told my instructors that he wanted me.”

Those instructors are the reason so many of the program’s graduates become successful after finishing the course. Throughout the ceremony, praise was repeatedly given to the two men who help shape their students’ future with expert knowledge and advice. These men are Moke Eaglefeathers and Dave Schutta. They devote their entire working lives to molding students of the class into industry professionals. And they take their work seriously.

“Training is number one,” Schutta asserts. “We’re teaching them a skill to start a ca-

reer.”

Yet for the other instructor, Moke, the program symbolizes much more than teaching a trade. For him, it represents the future. To him, the class shows that there is hope for ones who may not feel much in the everyday world. Therefore, Moke pours his heart and soul into the program. He treats it like his child.

“I want to give [the students] skills that are going to last their entire lives,” Eaglefeathers explains. “I want to get more skilled Native Americans out there.”

And Eaglefeathers has accomplished that goal. For Jasmine represents a new generation of cement worker. She has proven that cement work is not just for men. She has shown that women can be just as capable at producing the desired result. During the course, her instructors noticed her determination in disproving stereotypes associated with women working in male-dominant industries such as construction.

“She’s a very hard-working female,” Schutta attests. “She’s an alpha female. She’s a leader,” he affirms. “She’ll be great at whatever she does.”

Schutta is not the only one who believes this. Funmaker’s grandmother also shares in that belief. Having watched Jasmine mature from a young girl into a hard-working adult, her grandma knows Jasmine will succeed in life. There is no question.

After the ceremony, she expressed great pride in her granddaughter and all that she has accomplished.

“Her family is very proud of her,” says Andrea Storm, Funmaker’s maternal grandmother. “My feelings are beyond words – downright spiritual.”

Eaglefeathers is also proud of the new graduate. He openly expresses his joy in having produced another skillful Native American.

That is what the program’s all about for him. The instructor envisions programs like his spread across the whole nation sometime in the near future. He shared this vision after the celebration.

“I want to take it nationally. I want to get it out there,” Eaglefeathers divulges. “I want tribes to have pride in their workers.”

Now that Jasmine and her



Jasmine shows proof of completing the rigorous course. She was one of two females in her class.

classmates have successfully completed the course, the Ho-Chunk Nation and other parenting tribes can take pride in their graduates. After all, Jasmine is a success story. Her tale serves as a reminder to everyone that life gives back only what is put into it. Sooner or later, hard work pays off. For Jasmine, the payoff time has come. She eagerly awaits the start of her new job.



As the female spokesperson for her class, Funmaker gives a speech at the commencement ceremony.

ATTN: Native American Students in the Black River Falls, Neillsville AC-H-M School Districts

NEILLSVILLE
WARRIORS

BLACK RIVER FALLS
TIGERS

LINCOLN
HORNETS

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Backpacks
School Supplies

August 12, 2016
5:00 - 7:00pm

Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building

- Students Who Register with the BRF JOM IEC Will Receive a Backpack and School Supplies. If possible, bring the completed paperwork with you
- The Backpacks Are Provided on a First Come, First Serve Basis.
- All Children must be with an Parent/Legal Guardian to be registered with BRF JOM IEC.

*** If a Student has not previously been registered, you MUST bring his/her CDIB or proof of enrollment to be registered and receive the backpacks/school supplies!! (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

The 2015-16 Year-End Incentives will be given out at this event!

Summer interns develop their professional skills

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

On July 14, the Ho-Chunk Nation’s 2016 summer interns assembled at the Marriott in La Crosse for two days of professional development. The workshop began like most business meetings – with personal introductions. The students relayed their progress to the rest of the group, and talked about the things they have learned so far during their respective internships. Then, to help break the ice, the interns participated in a trivia contest that tested their knowledge of tribal history as well as their proficiency in career planning. The questions were developed by Higher Education’s Career Advisor Micah McCann.

“This is my second year as a career advisor,” McCann informed. “I started with Higher Ed in the summer of 2013.”

According to McCann, recruitment proves to be the most difficult part of the

internship program. Often-times, a student seeks an internship that businesses simply do not offer. This instance leaves the student without an internship. Other times, businesses look for interns in a field where the tribe has no students. In either case, the Education Department must recruit a new intern to fill the void.

“I think that’s the biggest part, is the recruitment,” McCann acknowledged. “It’s really hard to find people who want to do this.”

Even with difficulties in recruiting, though, the program is becoming stronger every year. For this summer marks the fifth year of the internship program, which began in 2012. Back then, it spanned only eight weeks and proved too short for a truly fulfilling experience. The program was also more independent in its nature. Now it spans 10 weeks and focuses more on group development, explained Higher Education Division

Manager Marcus Lewis.

“[The first summer] was successful,” Lewis claims. “But I switched to more of a cohort model. That’s why I started the two-day, introductory workshop.”

After introductions, the group worked on writing professional résumés and effective cover letters. To help them recognize the difference between a good résumé and a bad résumé, the interns looked at examples of both and then pointed out what was wrong with the poor ones. Some mistakes the students discussed included sharing a photograph, omitting important contact information, and using an inappropriate e-mail address. The activity showed the interns what to avoid as they write their own résumés. Once they completed the résumé workshop, the students moved on to language. To help them along their path to learning, tribal elder Gordon Thunder led the way.

“We try to give them as much assistance as we can with the language,” Thunder says. “There’s something we have to do to keep it alive.”

Following the language portion of the seminar was check-in at the hotel, where the Higher Ed Department provided accommodations for the interns. When they returned, the students sat through a presentation by former intern Ryan Pulvermacher. Now the casino shift manager at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells, Pulvermacher shared his own internship experience

and described how it helped him along his career. He then gave some advice to the current interns, stressing that they should not be afraid to try nor make mistakes. Pulvermacher also urged the students to appreciate the opportunity.

“None of this just appears out of nowhere,” Pulvermacher reminded the interns. “There are a lot of people who put a lot of time and effort into making this happen.”

The end of the day brought with it a discussion of the stark contrast between working for the Nation and working for an outside company. To many involved in the program, positioning the interns somewhere within the tribe once they finish their internships is very important. They believe that the Nation must strive to retain such home-grown talent. After all, these interns represent the future. For one day, they may hold the fate of the tribe in their hands.

“These people are going to be the executive directors, and legislators, in the future,” Lewis noted. “We get to help bring [them] home.”

The advisors are not the only ones hoping that the interns will find a job within the tribe. Many of the students plan to apply for positions with the Nation upon completing their internships. One of these individuals is 23-year-old Moses Alvarez. A criminal justice major at UW-Milwaukee, Alvarez interns at the House of Wellness in Baraboo. He finds the intern-

ship to be highly educational.

“I’m grateful for all of the things that I am learning,” Alvarez told. “Hopefully, one day, I can give back to the tribe.”

Another intern also spoke of her goal to help the Nation someday. Senior marketing major Shaina Snyder hopes to bring her organizational skills to the Wisconsin Dells location. A 22-year-old who attends Utah Valley University, Snyder has been working in the Marketing Department for her internship. She feels that certain changes to the modus operandi could greatly benefit the organization, and Marketing in particular. In hopes of enacting such changes, Snyder plans to return next summer.

“I’m not sure where I want to be right now,” Snyder admits. “But next summer, I’ll most likely come back.”

The fact that interns will return to the program speaks a lot to the progress it has made over the last four years. Students are learning more than ever before, and enjoying themselves in the process. If the internship program continues its current progression, then next summer will be the best yet. More people will likely be interested, making recruitment much easier than before. And the interns can rest assured that they are in good hands.

“This whole program has been like my brainchild,” Lewis explains. “[The interns] feel way more comfortable now than they ever did.”



The 2016 summer interns sit through a presentation on Thursday morning.

Scholar plans to return to Paris for her second year of studies

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Destiny Jones has seen the bright lights of Paris and she’s made the city her new home. She’s studying there again this year as a sophomore, having spent last school year there as well, and enjoying every minute of it. She will soon be departing from Minneapolis for Paris, starting the new school year on September 5.

Destiny is the daughter of Tracey and Toby Jones, Minneapolis, and granddaughter of JoAnn Jones, Black River Falls.

After high school graduation, she began to investigate other avenues to learning. She wanted to challenge herself in

a different learning environment, so she began searching for online opportunities to study in another country.

After looking at many different programs, she applied to the American University of Paris and was surprised when she was contacted and learned that she was accepted. Global Scholars, the coordinating organization, looks at application and strives to maintain students from diverse backgrounds.

“Actually, attending the college is really inexpensive,” she said. “I got a scholarship and the tuition isn’t that much.”

She flew to Paris last year and attended the college last year and will return for her second year there as a sophomore.

Her major is “Visual Culture,” and she is studying various art medium forms from different ethnic and cultural groups throughout the world. She looks at the various images and interprets what it means.

Moving to Paris was initially a big adjustment and a culture shock, so to speak.

“Basically life was the somewhat the same as the United States, but the biggest difficulty was the language barriers. To be able to speak to someone on the street, you

needed to be able to speak French,” she said.

But also it meant leaving home, parting with family and friends who were more than just a few miles away. Plus, she had to go through the normal transition to college life and studies.

Now she’s gotten through those initial barriers and college life is getting more interesting. Destiny thinks that she may stay the entire four years to obtain her college degree.

“There are not that many opportunities for an experience like this,” Destiny said. Along with the study there, she has been able to travel to many places in Europe and to Asia.

Recently, living in Paris has had its own challenges, especially in light of the recent terrorist attacks. She said the events have had no effect on her and her safety. She was on school vacation at the time.

“I’m still relatively new to the country, so I don’t visit places I am not familiar with. I wasn’t there or knew anyone who was. I never felt like I was in any danger,” she said. “However, my parents were very concerned.”

The French community is much more relaxed than The American way of life, she said. All stores are closed on Sundays and they even close



The landscape is quite different in France from her home in Minneapolis, making for a unusual and exciting opportunity to grow and learn international culture.

early daily. Also, there are no stores than are open 24 hours.

“I grew to appreciate the ability to slow down my life and appreciate things more,” she said.

She like French cuisine, which are mostly from home-grown fruits and vegetables. More international foods are available and the quality food is not more expensive.

“You can get everything your heart desires,” she said. “I try everything.”

Over breaks, she has visited countries such as England, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. She hopes to expand to other countries as well during her second year,

but she primarily concentrates on her studies.

While in Paris, she gets to see many of the tourist attractions. Not too far from her living arrangements, about 15 minutes walking time, is the Eiffel Tower. When she rides the bus every day, she passes the Arc de Triomphe.

And she’s picking up the French language more every day.

“It’s mandatory to a certain degree – just to be able to communicate. I hope to extend that knowledge during my second year there,” she said. “And nice people are always trying to help.”



Destiny Jones lives near the Eiffel Tower in Paris whiles she studies at the American University of Paris.

-Per By-Laws of the GCA:
Article 1. Section 2. © The GCA shall provide monthly written status Report to Tribal Membership through area meetings of the Legislature.
Article V. Section 1. (A) The GCA will meet at least once per month.

August 2016

Please find the following summary of General Council Agency activity for the past 30-days. This report includes a summary of meeting activities; follow up on General Council Resolutions, and vacancies on General Council Agency. If you have specific questions please follow up with you Area/Community Agent or Alternate or call the General Council Office 715-284-7891.

General Council Agency (GCA) Meetings

All GCA Meeting Minutes may now be found online (see links below) and in the Hocak Worak.
6/18/2016 GCA Regular Meeting – Madison, WI
Minutes are ratified.
7/16/2016 GCA Regular Meeting – Tomah, WI
Minutes are not ratified.

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR GCA MEETING

GCA Regular Meeting
August 20th, 2016 • 10:00 A.M.
TO BE DETERMINED - WILL BE POSTED

NOTE: GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY.

Annual General Council 2014 - 2015 Resolution Update

The 10 year General Council Resolution Update will be printed and in book form. This will be distributed at the Annual meeting.
At the June 18th GCA Regular meeting the following motion was made;
1) **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt to request a written Legal opinion within 30 calendar days from the HCN Legislature or their Legal Counsel regarding the status of any and all adopted past HCN General Council Resolutions. Additionally previous HCN General Council Agency request a written opinion from the current HCN Legislators are or are not responsible to enact previous HCN General Council Resolutions. If not, exact date that current Legislators will be responsible for HCN General Council Resolutions. Seconded by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee **10-0-2 MOTION CARRIED (Donna Littlegeorge and Myrna Littlewolf Abstained).**

2) Many efforts have been made to request the Legislature to provide an update to the 2014-2015 Resolutions with no avail.

Annual General Council 2016 Planning

A Special Edition of the Hocak Worak for General Council is currently being drafted. This issue will highlight information regarding the meeting. Please look for this.

We are still looking for Proposals for the following General Council Services:
Emcee
Court Reporter
(2) Paralegals

Ho-Chunk Language Interpreter
Please submit all proposals to the Office of the General Council.
You can email them to Joy.thompson@ho-chunk.com,
Mail to PO Box 729, Tomah, WI 54660 or
Fax to (608) 372-6092

General Council Vendor Table Information

There are currently 11 vendor tables that are still available.
Vendor Table Requests can be obtained by contacting the Office of the General Council. There is a limit of one (1) table per Division / Vendor / Non-Profit Organization. The tables will be assigned by a first-come first-serve basis. Special requests will be handled according to the particular facts relating to each situation on a case by case basis. All decisions of the GCA will be final.

Resolution Writing & Submission

The Office of the General Council offers resolution writing assistance to Ho-Chunk Tribal Members . In an attempt to provide dialog and understanding of proposed resolutions, early submission is highly encouraged. This will assist in making sure that all resolutions are written properly and that they are constitutionally correct. Please contact John Swimmer, General Council Attorney, if assistance is needed at;
(715) 284-7891 x- 1067 or by email at john.swimmer@ho-chunk.com.

GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY VACANCIES

- Mauston-GCA Alternate

GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY SEPTEMBER VACANCIES

According to General Council Resolution, term limits are now in effect for General Council Agency as follows:

Elected members of GCA and their Alternates will serve for a fixed term set at the time of election not to exceed four years. All terms will be staggered so that no more than six Agents and six Alternates are elected at any one time. The term begins with their election and ends four years later. Except as provided in paragraph B elected members of GCA may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The term being after the adjournment of the September 27, 2014, General Council.
At the end of the first term an elected member is eligible for reappointment for one additional term only, unless that person previously served more than two consecutive terms.
General Council Resolution 9-27-14-1
Following the term limits that are now in place the following GCA Agent Terms expire after the September 2016 Annual General Council Meeting;
Wittenberg – Agent, eligible for additional term.
Milwaukee – Agent, eligible for additional term.
Wisconsin Dells - Agent, eligible for additional term.
La Crosse - Agent, eligible for additional term.
Minneapolis/St Paul - Agent, eligible for additional term.

Please be sure to address this if your area is listed by making nominations at your next area meeting in August, followed by motion to accept in September. All new term limits for Agents will begin at the October 2016 GCA Regular Meeting.

General Council Branch/GCA on FB and Internet

Please log on to General Council Facebook page to see all updates as they come in.
On Facebook, search Ho-Chunk Nation General Council.
On Google, <https://sites.google.com/site/hochunkgca/>
Prepared by, Joy Thompson-Bonanno, GCA Advocate

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Breyonna Sadi Cotton, Petitioner, v. Zachary Charles Bryant, Respondent.
Case : CS 16-52

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Zachary Charles Bryant
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.** *Id.*, § 2.6c.
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Plaintiff(s), v. Jackie Snow, Defendant(s).
Case : CV 16-17

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Jackie Snow
You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.
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GENERAL COUNCIL
A Resolution to Amend Ho-Chunk Nation “General Council Meeting Procedures, Scenario B, item 4, Determination of quorum; and item 11, Procedures for motions”

RESOLUTION 09 – 19 – 15 __

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Constitution”), formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and
WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation (“Nation”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (a), the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse actions of the Legislature except those enumerated in Section 4 of this Article. The General Council shall return such reversals to the Legislature for reconsideration consistent with the action of the General Council; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret actions of the Legislature. The General Council does not retain the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret this Constitution; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (c), the General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII, including those which reverse decisions of the Judiciary interpreting this Constitution; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (e), the General Council retains the power to call a Special Election; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f), action by the General Council shall be binding; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, and Article VI Section 2 (j), an Annual meeting has been duly called and notice duly given by the President; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (g), General Council Branch delegates authority to General Council Agency to select, hire manage and supervise General Council Branch personnel to accomplish the tasks mandated by General Council.; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to General Council Meeting Procedures, Scenario B which reads as follows:
“4. Determination of quorum
Quorum may be established through electronic registration. Confirmation of quorum will be tested throughout the day by random sampling. No action by General Council is valid without quorum.”
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3, item (d) “The General Council retains the power to establish its own procedures in accordance with this Constitution.” and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3, item (d) General Council shall amend General Council Meeting Procedures, Scenario B, item 4 to read as follows:

- 4. Determination of quorum
Quorum may be established through electronic registration. Electronic registration can be accomplished in person (physically present) at General Council; OR registering online on the Internet. Confirmation of quorum will be tested throughout the day by random sampling. No action by General Council is valid without quorum.
A General Council web site will be created with the following provisions:*
- A) Secure web site;*
 - B) Provisions for Ho-Chunk Tribal Members to register for General Council electronically with a unique identification number assigned to each Ho-Chunk Tribal Member. The unique identification number is to be determined by the Office of General Council;*
 - C) Provisions to live stream General Council proceedings;*
 - D) Resolutions to be discussed at General Council to be posted on the web site;*
 - E) Provisions for live interaction with General Council to ask questions or make comments on Resolutions;*
 - F) Provisions for confirmation of quorum to be tested throughout the day by random sampling;*
 - G) Provisions for voting. Voting for General Council can be cast from the web site, in person, or as determined by the Office of Gen-*

eral Council;
H) *Provisions to display the ongoing actions online onto a large screen at General Council.*
WHEREAS, pursuant to General Council Meeting Procedures, Scenario B which reads as follows:
“11. Procedures for motions
All persons are to use a microphone
A. The Ho-Chunk Nation member shall identify their membership to the Presiding Chair by name, and enrollment number. That person shall have 5 minutes to present motion/resolution, more time if deemed necessary by the Presiding Chair.
B. There must be a second to every motion
C. When deemed appropriate the presiding chairperson will call for the question, end the discussion and voting will begin.”
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3, item (d) General Council shall amend General Council Meeting Procedures, Scenario B, item 11 to read as follows:
*11. Procedures for motions
All persons are to use a microphone or communicate via Office of General Council’s said web site for General Council Meetings. Web site communication can include, but is not limited to the following methods to communicate live with General Council: a) A live message sent from said web site to General Council; b) Live face communication through said web site (Examples: Skype, Facetime, etc)*
A. The Ho-Chunk Nation member shall identify their membership to the Presiding Chair by name, and enrollment number. That person shall have 5 minutes to present motion/resolution, more time if deemed necessary by the Presiding Chair.
B. There must be a second to every motion
C. When deemed appropriate the presiding chairperson will call for the question, end the discussion and voting will begin. and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 2, item (d) “Powers of the Legislature, To authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget;” and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 13, “Powers of the Legislature, The Legislature shall enact an annual budget. The budget shall include an appropriation of operating funds for each branch of the government. The Legislature shall not appropriate funds which have not been authorized by law. No item shall be included in the budget if it is not authorized by law.” and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Meeting Procedures, Scenario B, items 4 and 11 be amended as stated above.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature implement a “Cost Feasibility Study” to determine the cost to implement the proposed amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Meeting Procedures, Scenario B, items 4 and 11; AND authorize all required expenditures to implement said proposal. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature shall include an appropriation of operating funds annually for said proposal.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Office of General Council and Legislature shall implement all recommendations prior to General Council 2017.
CERTIFICATION
I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of __ members, of whom __ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the __ day of ____, 2016, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of __ members, __ opposed, and __ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

ANNUAL JOURNEY OF HOPE CONFERENCE & YOUTH CONFERENCE!

Location: Madison, WI





SAVE THE DATE:
AUGUST 29TH & 30TH 2016

THE ORIGINAL DATE FOR OCTOBER HAS BEEN CHANGED TO AUGUST 29TH & 30TH

HO-CHUNK HEALTH & WELLNESS TEAM /YOUTH SERVICES

HEALTHY IS A HO-CHUNK TRADITION

Call to Order: Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

Roll Call: At 10:10 AM.

Baraboo
Kim Crowley-P
Kristin White Eagle-P

Black River Falls
Melissa Olvera-P
Maynard Rave Jr.-E

Chicago
Nathan Dall-P
Mary Mullen-P

Green Bay
Mary Lopez-P
Dawn Lopez-P

La Crosse
Michael Sallaway-E
Paul Krause-P

Madison
Brenda Neff-P
Saresa Ryckman-E

Mauston
VACANT
Fidel(Jim) Delarosa-P

Milwaukee
Muriel Whiteagle Lee-P
Melody Whiteagle-Fintak-P

Mlps/St. Paul
Rosetta Hunt-P
Rhonda Hunt-P@10:20AM.

Tomah
Donna Littlegeorge-P
William Hopinkah-E

Wisconsin Dells
Roger Thundercloud-P
Manda Mann-E

Wisconsin Rapids
Merlin Crow-P
Celena Twinn-E

Wittenberg
Myrna Littlewolf-P
Martin Littlewolf-E

Determination of Quorum: *Quorum was established at this time.* Other people who were also present include Joy Thompson, GC Advocate; Wendy Running Horse, GC Deputy Advocate; Tanya Kessen, PT GC Deputy Advocate; Julia Hopinkah-Archie, GC Secretary; John Swimmer, GCA Attorney. Ho-Chunk Tribal Elder Marlys Whiteagle was also in attendance.

Opening Prayer: Fidel (Jim) Delarosa offered a prayer at 10:11 AM.

Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** by Brenda Neff to approve the GCA Agenda with additions. (Add New Business: GCA Vice-Chair; Move agenda item XIII. Community Concerns after Agenda item VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes). Seconded by MelissaOlvera.**12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **MOTION** by Brenda Neff to approve the June 4th, 2016 GCA Special Meeting minutes. Seconded by Melissa Olvera. **10-0-2 MOTION CARRIED (Myrna Littlewolf and Muriel Whiteagle-Lee Abstained).**
Melissa Olvera leaves at 10:23AM.
Melissa Olvera enters at 10:28 AM.
MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee for John Swimmer, GCA Attorney to write a letter to HCN Vice-President Darren Brinegar regarding the Mauston Area representation for the General Council Agency and to include the 2014 General Council Resolution 09/27/14-4: General Council Agency Amended By-laws to Limit GCA Agents term of Office, Add Waksik Ma as a designated community

and General Council meeting payout to \$150). Seconded by Mary Lopez. **11-0-1 MOTION CARRIED (Roger Thundercloud Abstained).**
Kimberly Crowley excused at 12:05 PM.
Donna Littlegeorge leaves at 12:13PM.
Jim Delarosa leaves at 12:14 PM.
MOTION by Myrna Littlewolf to do a budget modifications to pay 10% payment to Centerplate so HCN Tribal Members can enjoy sandwiches in the box lunches. Seconded by **Rosetta Hunt. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Donna Littlegeorge enters at 12:18 PM.
Jim Delarosa enters at 12:19 PM.
MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to request a written Legal opinion within 30 calendar days from the HCN Legislature or their Legal Counsel regarding the status of any and all adopted past HCN General Council Resolutions. Additionally previous HCN General Council Agency request a written opinion from the current HCN Legislators are or are not responsible to enact previous HCN General Council Resolutions. If not, exact date that current Legislators will be responsible for HCN General Council Resolutions. Seconded by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee **10-0-2 MOTION CARRIED (Donna Littlegeorge and Myrna Littlewolf Abstained).**
MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to request HCN Legislators who are on the “work group-workforce”, contact information and meeting minutes that Darren Brinegar, HCN Vice-President referred to at the Wisconsin Dells/Mauston Area Meeting regarding HCN Legislative Resolution 10-20-15 Q: Establishment of Workgroup to Plan for Creation of Executive Branch Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources. Seconded by Myrna Littlewolf. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman called a 10 minute break at 12:53 PM. **Merlin Crow, GCA Chairman called the meeting back to order at 1:12PM.**
Rosetta Hunt leaves at 1:15 PM.
MOTION by Mary Lopez to do necessary budget modifications for the end of the FY 2016. Seconded by Nathan Dall **8-0-3 MOTION CARRIED (Donna Littlegeorge, Myrna Littlewolf and Brenda Neff Abstained).**
MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle for John Swimmer, GCA Attorney to write a letter to Rose Adams, HCN Finance Director in response to the June 10, 2016 email regarding the HCN Advance Travel policy changes. Seconded by Mary Lopez. **10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED. (Kristin White Eagle Abstained).**
Myrna Littlewolf leaves at 1:22 PM.
MOTION by Paul Krause

to approve the Monthly GCA Treasurer Report. Seconded Melissa Olvera. **9-0-1 MOTION CARRIED. (Brenda Neff Abstained)**
Rosetta Hunt enters at 1:30 PM.
Myrna Littlewolf enters at 1:30 PM.
MOTION by Roger Thundercloud to approve the GCA Attorney Monthly Report. Seconded by Kristin White Eagle. **10-0-2 MOTION CARRIED (Muriel Whiteagle-Lee Melissa Olvera Abstained).**
Paul Krause excused at 1:46 PM.
MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee for the GCA Ad Hoc Resolution Committee to have a meeting on Saturday June 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM to complete the Summary Resolution booklet. Seconded by Brenda Neff. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Muriel Whiteagle-Lee leaves at 2:16 PM.
Muriel Whiteagle-Lee enters at 2:27PM.
MOTION by Donna Littlegeorge to approve #13/ Yellow from color swatch for the HCN Constitution book for 2016 General Council. Seconded by Roger Thundercloud **9-1-1 MOTION CARRIED (Kristin White Eagle voted No/ Muriel Whiteagle-Lee Abstained).**
MOTION by Nathan Dall to approve the Print Shop price quote for tickets for the GCA Give away items at the 2016 General Council. Seconded by Myrna Littlewolf.**10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED (Brenda Neff Abstained).**

Mary Lopez leaves at 2:48 PM.
Jim Delarosa leaves at 2:50 PM.
MOTION by Nathan Dall to approve the additional table requests for HCN OOP and HCN Social Services for the 2016 General Council. Seconded by Roger Thundercloud. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Jim Delarosa enters at 2:57 PM.
Mary Lopez enters at 2:58 PM.
MOTION by Mary Lopez to pay the US COACHWAYS deposits for the Milwaukee and Chicago Routes for the 2016 General Council Transportation and to be taken out of the Professional Services Fees line item. Seconded by Nathan Dall. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Mary Lopez to approve the GCA Advocate Monthly report. Seconded by Roger Thundercloud. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Brenda Neff to add Sanford Decorah as a Community member to the GCA Ad Hoc Social Media Committee. Seconded by Nathan Dall. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Myrna Littlewolf leaves at 3:19 pm.
MOTION by Brenda Neff for the GCA Ad Hoc Finance Committee to meet on Wednesday June 22, 2016 at 3:00 PM at the HCN Office of the General Council in Tomah, WI. Seconded by Mary Lopez. **9-0-1 MOTION CARRIED (Roger Thundercloud Abstained).**
Myrna Littlewolf enters at

3:21 PM.
MOTION by Melissa Olvera to accept Muriel Whiteagle-Lee’s verbal resignation as the GCA Vice-Chair on Saturday June 18, 2016. Seconded by Myrna Littlewolf. **10-1-0 MOTION CARRIED (Brenda Neff Abstained).**
MOTION by Brenda Neff to close GCA Vice-Chair nominations. Seconded by Melissa Olvera. **10-0-1 MOTION CARRIED (Nathan Dall Abstained).**
The nominees were Myrna Littlewolf and Nathan Dall. The vote was taken between the two nominations. Nathan Dall had the most votes and accepted the position of the GCA Vice-Chair.
MOTION by Brenda Neff to accept Nathan Dall as the new GCA Vice-Chair effective July 16, 2016. Seconded by Mary Lopez. **9-0-2 MOTION CARRIED (Donna Littlegeorge and Nathan Dall Abstained).**
MOTION by Roger Thundercloud to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Delarosa. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Scheduling of the Next Meeting and Adjournment:
❖ *The next GCA Regular Meeting will be at 10 AM on Saturday July 16, 2016 at the HCN OOGC-Tomah.*
❖ *The GCA Regular Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.*
Submitted by:
Wendy Running Horse,
GCA Deputy Advocate

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HCG-DELLS (715) 284-7891* OOGC	HCG-DELLS (BARABOO) REAR ENTRANCE 7:45 – 8:00 AM

Big changes on the horizon for HC Gaming

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Now that designs are finally complete, Ho-Chunk Gaming finds itself ready to begin the first stage of development in Project Forward. The only item left on the Business Department’s agenda is to acquire sufficient funding for the project. If funding is acquired, the first phase of construction could commence as soon as August and would take place at three HCG locations – Black River Falls, Wittenberg, and Wisconsin Dells. The proposal includes an expansion of hotel and gaming floors, building renovations, and the addition of new bars and restaurants. Undertaking all of the work would be Miron Construction, based out of Eau Claire. In a recent phone conversation, Vice President Corey Brumbaugh described the expected changes.

“Project Forward is a large investment made by the Ho-Chunk Nation while looking

to the future – for a new and refreshed gaming experience,” Brumbaugh explains. “You’re adding large hotels, a new hotel lobby, and massive renovations.”

As the main stage of construction, this initial phase would involve the heaviest renovations. Changes at the Black River Falls location would include an expanded gaming floor, an addition to the hotel, an extension of the parking lot, improvements to the buffet, and updated banquet seating. The changes in Wittenberg would be comprised of an expansion of the gaming floor, the addition of an 86-room hotel, an extension of the parking lot, improvements to the buffet, the introduction of an updated bar, a new restaurant, and a new non-smoking area. However, the Wisconsin Dells location would undergo the greatest transformation of all. Changes would include the removal of Wo-Zha-Wa Sports Bar, an upgrade to the gam-

ing floor bar, a conversion of the old Off-Track Betting and Poker area to a non-smoking slots area, a renovation of Bingo, a reduction of the old buffet, a new hotel lobby with a bar, and a relocation of the buffet, Off-Track Betting, and Poker. Ho-Chunk Nation’s Business Analyst Scott Marecek outlined the tentative plans for the three locations.

“All projects are happening at the same time,” Marecek says. “Different properties have a different number of phases.”

For the Wittenberg and Black River Falls locations, the initial phase would have an estimated timeframe of 12 months. But since de-

signs for the Wisconsin Dells location prove much more complex, the time frame for that project would be around 18 months. Executives hope that these changes will result in greater income from the casinos, which will combat the increased expenses encountered by the Nation. But those involved with the project foresee more reasons, beyond an ever-growing overhead, for implementing all of the changes. They see the proposed changes as crucial in order to compete in something as fierce as the gaming industry.

“In order to stay at the top of destinations, you need to create a new experience so

that your patrons continue to come – instead of seeking other destinations,” Brumbaugh argues. “Ultimately, the Nation is who benefits from it.”

With these ambitious plans in the works, Ho-Chunk Gaming strives to remain competitive in the dog-eat-dog world of gambling. To accomplish its ultimate goal, however, the tribe must first secure funding for such hefty aspirations. Only then can it implement the necessary changes. Only then can business grow. And only then can the Ho-Chunk Nation transform itself into an industry leader in gaming.

Big Bang Winner at Ho-Chunk Gaming

Submitted by Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells

Robert Delaney of Madison, Indiana recently hit the jackpot on the Aristocrat machine, Big Bang Theory. He was paid out \$287,055.21 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells (HCGWD).

Delaney and his wife, Marilyn, had only stopped at HCGWD once before and were only looking for a place to stay the night on their drive back to Indiana from Minnesota. He only had intentions of putting in \$20, but when his wife encouraged just \$5 more, he hit the jackpot.

The couple felt awe and

shock because they weren’t fully aware of how big they hit. Marilyn told her husband not to touch anything and exclaimed, “Something is happening.” She later reflected how in the midst of all the excitement, “I didn’t even finish playing my machine!”

The end of this month is also the Rev up Your Summer promotion where earned entries will allow one lucky winner the grand prize of a new Jeep Wrangler. For more information on these and other exciting promotions, stop by the Guest Service counter at Ho-Chunk Gaming or go online at www.hochunkgaming.com.



Marilyn Delaney, Casey Fitzpatrick – Ho-Chunk Executive Manager and Robert Delaney.

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Natalie Bird
At-Large Health Management/Insurance Coordinator

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GCA SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

WHO: General Council Agency

WHEN: Sunday July 31st, 2016 @ 10 AM.

WHERE: Ho-Chunk Gaming Wis. Dells
S3214 County Road BD
Baraboo, WI 53913
(Upper Dells D/E)

AGENDA: 2016 General Council
Annual Meeting


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Kathryn Brown

16 Joseph White

17 Coleen Finn

19 Louis Costello

21 Charles Hopinkah

22 Quentin Thundercloud

23 William Browne

24 Lenore Sweet

25 Paula Goulet

26 Richard Lowe

27 Curtis Blackdeer

28 Jeanette Whitewing

29 Gordon Thunder

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Bring it on home

A Rodale Institute program transforms U.S. Army veterans into organic farmers

Printed with permission David Howard, Rodale's Organic Life

When they were children in Baraboo, Wisconsin, the Greendeer girls loved to slip out of the house just after sunrise during summer to plunge into neighboring Mirror Lake State Park, where in the mornings the water was still and the forest was warm and dewy. The sisters were born into the Ho-Chunk Nation 23 months apart, Jessika followed by Kristen, but they were twinlike in the fierceness of their bond. They invented games in the woods and swam and played army, but they rarely fought for real. “If we did,” Kristen says, “within 5 minutes one of us would crack a joke and it would be over.”

In 2004, when they were in their twenties, the sisters decided to sign up for the U.S Army through the Buddy Program, which allows recruits to join and enter basic training together. Their work pulled them apart— Jessika went to Iraq as a public affairs officer and Kristen stayed in Germany doing logistics work— but they talked constantly on Skype. When they got out— Kristen first, then Jessika in 2014 the question became: What do

we do next?

The sisters have the same pulled-back dark hair and quick smile. They also share this way of looking at each other before answering a question, their brains synchronizing like the movements of a watch: *You want to take that one? No, you go ahead.*

The answer quickly became obvious enough. Kristen had two children then and had become increasingly adamant about feeding them healthy food, but organic produce taxed her budget. That led to the revelation that the sisters—who then shared a house in North Carolina— could learn to grow their own. Jessika searched the Veterans Affairs website and stopped scrolling on one program: Rodale Institute, in Pennsylvania, had teamed with Delaware Valley University to offer a one-year organic-farming certificate available to the Greendeers with their G.I. Bill benefits.

Jessika and Kristen enrolled last summer. They will receive certificates this August, having studied soil biology, pest management, composting, and other essentials of running their own vegetable growing operation. Rodale Institute, an organization



Jessika (left) and Kristen Greendeer hope to make organic produce more widely available on native lands.

Photo courtesy of Steve Legato

dedicated to research and leadership in organic farming, initiated the partnership with DVU in 2013, and by summer’s end the women will be among a total of 11 people to graduate so far, says Justin Barclay, who runs the program at the institute.

The Greendeers have been struck by the degree to which the people they’ve met have been excited about sharing

knowledge. “Farmers really want to help each other out,” Kristen says.

“Especially organic farmers,” Jessika says.

Native American populations across the country are particularly affected by food insecurity. The Greendeers plan to take their lessons back to Wisconsin to help other members of the Ho-Chunk Nation become self-sufficient

by growing organic food. They want to start a nonprofit. Barclay connected them to an organic farming veteran near where they grew up.

“I feel like in life we’ve been put on a path we’re meant to be on,” Jessika says. She glances at Kristen. Kristen looks back at Jessika. There are no words needed to make it clear that on this point, they agree.

Summer youth workers

Kaili Berg, Youth Writer

From July 18 to August 26 the Ho-Chunk Nation will be host to a summer youth program which will provide various jobs and work experience to Native American youth.

“The summer youth pro-

gram is a program where youth ages 14-18 years old get to experience working in a workplace of their choice,” says Tracy Thundercloud, director of the youth program. “There were 64 applications submitted and there was a total of 59 youth workers selected to work for this year’s youth program, and they will be working for six weeks full time. The youth were able to find an area that they are interested in working in, whether it was maintenance or the OOP (Office of the President) to any area within or outside of the Ho-Chunk Nation. We have youth workers from Tomah, Green Bay, and even one in Georgia”.

Youth worker Izaak Ortiz said “I work in the business department, which is going to help me a lot as I will be attending UW Stevens Point this fall, and will be majoring in marketing. I sit in on interviews, read books on business and marketing concepts, and will be going to casinos checking out marketing teams, and observing how they operate.”

The youth program does not only give a good job experience, it can also teach the youth good work ethic for the future, teach life skills, and also create a good work record.

“Networking is going to be essential in order to establish a successful career. Making personal connections now at the Ho-Chunk Nation and understanding how it functions will help me in the future if I wish to pursue a career here (at the Ho-Chunk Nation).” Gary Garvin said, a youth worker at the Ho-Chunk Worak. “Working in the newsletter will help me better my ‘people skills’. I have already covered different news stories in different communities and had to talk to complete strangers. I’m not a people person, but as I continue to work here (in the newsletter) It gets easier talking to people and gathering the information that I need.”



Lois WhiteEagle, a youth worker in the OOP, researches a topic for her work assignment.

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